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Sent: 8/25/2021 12:05:26 PM
To: Blackburn, Elizabeth [Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: ORD COMMS: Inquiry: Christopher Frey & Hong Kong University

Ok. DC posted a story without waiting for an EPA response.

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On Aug 25, 2021, at 6:48 AM, Blackburn, Elizabeth <Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Chris,

You'll see a bit of back and forth from the press office below and they ended up striking a phrase from the statement. They wanted to keep it fully focused on EPA and that you followed the rules.

Liz

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From: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 7:59 PM
To: Blackburn, Elizabeth <Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
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FYI, they struck a sentence from the response.

Thanks,
Megan

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To: Hamilton, Lindsay <Hamilton.Lindsay@epa.gov>
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Sounds good. Will share the updated response without the line about university ties.

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On Aug 24, 2021, at 5:18 PM, Carroll, Timothy <Carroll.Timothy@epa.gov> wrote:

I think it's okay to remove. I could also say off the record that he should fact check that particular claim.

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On Aug 24, 2021, at 5:11 PM, Carroll, Timothy
<Carroll.Timothy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Justina. This is very helpful. A few suggested edits in red below.
If folks are good with this, I can share later this evening with the
reporter.

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Hi again,

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So for a possible answer, how about: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Sure, thanks!

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The answer is a little complicated and I've got a meeting from 3 to 3:30.
Can I get back to you about 4 pm?

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Hi Lindsay and Justina- Chris Frey thought you two would be the right people to handle this request. Let us know if you need anything from ORD.

Thanks,
Megan

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From: EPA Press Office <Press@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2021 11:21 AM
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Good morning team,

Please see the below. Do you think we could try getting back to the reporter by C.O.B? What's a reasonable ETA?

Thanks as always, R.

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Hello,

I'm a reporter with the Daily Caller News Foundation.

I'm writing a story today about how Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science Policy Dr. Christopher Frey was approved to take a leave of absence from his employer, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, instead of being asked to completely sever his ties.

Records obtained via FOIA by the watchdog group Protect the Public's Trust show that Frey maintains his adjunct faculty position with the university, which is an arm of the Chinese government.

Does the EPA have any comments?

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